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1. THE PROBLEM IN MOVING FORWARD WITH THE GOS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AS PRESENTLY PROPOSED IS THAT USG POLICY HAS BEEN TO APPROVE MATERIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER NARCOTICS PROGRAM ON BASIS OF CONCRETE BILATERAL NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION PLAN DRAWN UP BETWEEN US MISSIONS AND HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT EQUIPMENT PACKAGE ENVISAGED IS NOT REPEAT NOT BASED ON SPANISH PLANS.

2. INVITATION PROPOSED IN REF B TO HEAD OF SPANISH INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE TO VISIT US WAS MEANT TO BUILD ON CONTACTS ALREADY ESTABLISHED BY MISSION AND WOULD FACILI-
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TATE IDENTIFICATION OF A GOS PROGRAM AND SPECIFIC WAYS

NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION PROGRAM COULD SUPPORT IT. SUCH VISIT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE USG ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE GOS NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITIES.

3. IN LIGHT REF A, SPANISH NARCOTICS PROGRAM WILL BE CONSIDERED AMONG TOTAL PRIORITIES FOR FY 1975 INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 23 (SEE REF C). IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF FURTHER JUSTIFICATION

COULD BE RECEIVED. TOWARD THIS END, EMBASSY IS ENCOURAGED TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH GOS AUTHORITIES FOR PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHAT SPECIFIC MEASURES GOS PLANS TO UNDERTAKE IN NARCOTICS CONTROL. FOR EXAMPLE, DOES GOS PLAN ESTABLISH ONE OR MORE SPECIAL NARCOTICS TASK FORCES TO CONCENTRATE ON MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS? IF SO, ARE THERE SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS GOS CANNOT MEET WHICH WOULD HINDER IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN? WHILE EMBASSY IS AT LIBERTY TO DISCUSS SPANISH EQUIPMENT NEEDS, OF COURSE NO REPEAT NO COMMITMENT FOR US GRANT ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE MADE AT THIS POINT. KISSINGER

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